

# St Luke's Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2019 Edition

**inspirational preaching  
great fellowship  
shared teamwork**



**Churchyard Working Party  
Sat 7<sup>th</sup> September  
9.30am onwards**



**ST LUKE'S MENS BREAKFAST  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 9.15am  
at RENDEZVOUS Café, Whyteleafe CR3 0BL**

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9

September marks new beginnings for our children and young people as the academic year gets under way. Young adults set off to university and schoolchildren settle into new classes. These changes bring challenges and we all know how much support can be needed to nurture our youngsters as they navigate new places and faces and lay the foundations of their learning; by this time next year they will have made new friends and learnt new things.

All of which makes me wonder how open we are, as adults, to change and to learning.....

When our parish pilgrims set off for Canterbury last May they were all accepting a challenge and trying something very new, by the end of the week we were all changed and we had formed friendships that were deeper than those based on weekly encounters over a coffee at the end of the Sunday service.

Jesus called his disciples to a very new way of living and to new friendships that would be formed out of intense experiences together. He did not instruct anyone to work in isolation, he called his followers to step out together, to share food together, to walk together and to learn new things together.

When we do this, we deepen our bonds as church, when we learn together, read together, pray together, eat together, learn new things together, we become a stronger more vibrant more deeply connected community and as such we can then reach out to our wider community more powerfully. People will look into our places of worship and see something alive and attractive that might in turn encourage them to try something new, to join in.....this is what discipleship can look like and we have so much to offer this autumn that can draw us together and help us reach out to others.

We start the month with a **BBQ for food and fun**.

Every **Wednesday** we meet to pray with our neighbouring churches -come along at **8.30am to Sacred Heart**.

In November we can be quiet together and learn new approaches to prayer when we spend a day at **Worth Abbey**.

On **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** we have the opportunity to learn how to deliver bible stories into our local schools through the **Open the Book** initiative.

Throughout the coming year we can study scripture together through our **'Make the Road by Walking'** sessions.

Learn more about foodbanks in our next **Churches Together Social** on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Some of this may involve stepping outside our comfort zones, just like the walkers did last May, but unless we do so, we cannot build the foundations that will lead to deeper relationships with each other, with our communities and ultimately with God.

So, while we focus on new school terms for our children, grandchildren and friends maybe we can consider what new steps we might dare to take this autumn, what new friendships we might forge, what new skills we might acquire.

A new term is exciting but it can also make us a little anxious – but when walk together with each other and with God alongside us at all times – then we can do it.....

*"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."* Ephesians 5:15-17

*Rev Helen*

**If you would like to join our 2019 joint parishes pilgrimage then save the following dates:  
May 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Chaldon to Winchester.**

**Bring and Share Harvest Lunch**



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**1pm at St Luke's**

**All are welcome**



**The Corner House Cafe  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
2.30 - 4.30pm at St Luke's**

The children of the Whyteleafe School Choir will once again be entertaining us with a fine selection of lively songs to get our feet tapping. As usual a splendid tea will be served by a loyal team of Corner House Cafe Nippies.

**Conversation and Communion  
at St Luke's 7.30pm**

Our Tuesday evening sessions begin again on September 10<sup>th</sup> this Autumn as we seek to reflect on our understanding of the major themes of the biblical story.

To help us do this, we shall be delving into an inspirational book entitled 'We make the road by Walking'. It's author is Brian McLaren who over the years has published a series of books on the subject of contemporary Christianity and its relevance for 21<sup>st</sup> century living. Each week a chapter of the book will become the focus for lively discussion, followed by a quiet service of Holy Communion. Do come along; to talk, to listen, to think and perhaps even to change your views of God, the Universe and Everything.

You are warmly invited.



**The Inklings  
Sundays 9.30am  
Back on September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Refreshing Church  
St Bede's School, Redhill  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10am to 4pm**

Croydon Episcopal Area Lay Conference 2019  
Workshops to choose from on a wide variety of subjects  
Refreshments and lunch included  
Tickets for only £10 can be ordered from Richard Goatcher

**Open the Book'**

Following a visit from Kerry Evans from Open The Book, we are keen to help to spread God's word into our local schools using the medium of story telling - and everyone can get involved!

Please take a look at the following website inc video

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book>

Our vision is for both of our churches, and others from the local community to form at least one team that can go into schools in our area and present the stories of the Bible in an interactive way. (The website explains it better!)

There is a training session booked at St Luke's on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 10am - 2.30pm for anyone interested in joining in - no commitment necessary at this stage.

No experience necessary either!

Please let Rev Annie, Rev Helen or Rev Sara know if you would like to come on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Caterham Churches Together  
MORNING PRAYER 8.30am**

In September on Wednesday mornings Churches Together are meeting at Sacred Heart, Caterham.

**Services During September**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.00am BCP Eucharist  
9.30am All Age Eucharist

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9.30am Eucharist & Inklings

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept**

7.30am Conversation & Communion

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9.30am Eucharist & Inklings  
11.15am Battle of Britain Service

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept**

7.30am Conversation & Communion

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9.30am Eucharist & Inklings

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept**

7.30am Conversation & Communion

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9.30am Eucharist & Inklings



**THE 79<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN  
MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**15<sup>th</sup> September at 11.15am  
at St Luke's Church**

**Churches Together and Caterham Foodbank  
Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30 - 9.30pm**

**Sacred Heart Old Hall, Essendene Road**  
Churches Together & Caterham Foodbank, come along for an introduction to the work of the Caterham Foodbank with a presentation on the Trussell Trust  
Wine and Nibbles provided.

**Surrey Churches Preservation Trust  
2019 RIDE AND STRIDE  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

If you would like to take part either as a walker or as a cyclist please contact Diane on 020 8660 5341 or e-mail [andrewthorpe5341@btinternet.com](mailto:andrewthorpe5341@btinternet.com) for sponsorship forms and details of participating churches, suggested routes, maps etc.

St Luke's adheres to the Southwark Diocese policies, procedures and guidelines for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults which is contained within their document 'A Safe Church' which can be seen in full on their website at:

[www.southwark.anglican.org/what/diocesan-policies-procedures](http://www.southwark.anglican.org/what/diocesan-policies-procedures)

It is also published in the form of a manual, a copy of which is kept in the porch at the front of the church should you wish to view it.

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